
Division of Environmental Health

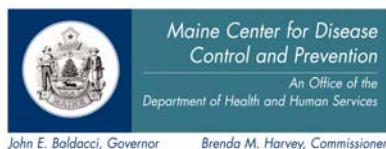
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC)

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The purpose of the Division of Environmental Health is to preserve, protect and promote the health of Maine's population through the planning and delivery of health and environmental engineering related services designed to reduce the risk of disease by:

- ❑ Controlling environmental hazards to human health; and
- ❑ Promoting health and wellness through education and access to technical health engineering professional staff.

The Director of the Division of Environmental Health is the State liaison to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.



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The Division of Sanitary Engineering was established in 1917 within the State Bureau of Health to carry out the Department of Health and Welfare's on-going responsibility in the investigation of drinking water supplies following the great typhoid epidemic between 1902-1904. Later, the Division issued rules relating to the sanitary conditions of hotels and food handlers (1918), plumbing (1926), occupational health (1925), and the registration of x-ray machines and radioactive materials (1961). The name was changed to Division of Health Engineering in 1972 and again to Environmental Health in 2006. Currently, the Division's responsibilities lie primarily in the areas of inspection and enforcement of public health codes established through DHHS regulations. There are numerous work units that fall within five major programs: Drinking Water, Radiological Health, Health Inspection, Environmental & Occupational Health, and Subsurface Wastewater.

Responsibilities:

- ❑ Providing administrative support and data management to the Division's programs and to the Maine CDC;
- ❑ Providing financial oversight to 25 accounts within the Division of Environmental Health;
- ❑ Interfacing with the municipal Local Health Officers;
- ❑ Providing support to the Maine CDC and Maine Emergency Management Agency for environmental health emergency preparedness issues.

Constituencies Served:

- ❑ Well Driller and Water Utilities Association;
- ❑ Water Operators Certification Board;
- ❑ Maine Drinking Water Commission;
- ❑ Associations relating to all licensing activities;
- ❑ Maine Association of Site Evaluators;
- ❑ Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association.

Facts:

- ❑ 10,025 establishment licenses issued;
- ❑ 1,250 professional licenses to a variety of health related professions (such as x-ray machines, tattooists, body piercers, electrologists, tanning beds, etc.); Annual fee: varies between \$45.00 and 120.00 annually.

Budget: \$18,833,119 (SFY 07) – 10% General Fund; 81% Federal; 10% Dedicated Revenue

Staff Count : 79 (SFY 07)
